



The Pileup

Newsletter of the CDXA

The 2012 CDXA BBQ Is Coming Soon



When: Saturday October 6th beginning at 5PM.
 Where: Home of Ken & Bev Boyd, 6319 Farmlake Drive, Charlotte NC 28227.
 BBQ Catered by Ric Porter AA4SC
 Cost: \$10 per person

W4VHF	Ted Goldthorpe	President
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As of 7 September, we had 60 members and family confirmed for the BBQ. If you haven't RSVP'd, but plan to come just go to <http://goo.gl/kYfVO> to sign up.

Also, as in past years, everyone is encouraged to bring something to share. If your last name begins with A-L we are requesting that you bring a salad item, and if your last name begins with M-Z, please bring a dessert. We hope you can join us!

SEDCO 2012



SEDCO W4DXCC VIII will be held September 28 and 29, 2012 at the MainStay Suites, Pigeon Forge, TN.

This will be Your Editor's first trip to SEDCO, and I'll be reporting on it next month as a "Novice Attendee." Everyone who has ever attended SEDCO has positive things to say, so I'm really looking forward to my first visit. This year, CDXA has contributed a new Nexus 7 Tablet Comput-

er to SEDCO to be given away at the Saturday night banquet on September 29, 2012. For the details and all the latest information on the Conference, see <http://sedco.homestead.com/>. You can also contact Rosie Lamb, KA4S, who's a CDXA member, at (865) 681-2279 for details or to register.

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Wednesday Luncheon (11:30 AM)	Skyland Family Restaurant, 4544 South Boulevard, Charlotte, NC

DXPedition Schedule

The NH8S DXPedition is well underway. From a look at <http://www.nh8s.org> it appears things are going well. Comments include a note that the food is outstanding, but the temperatures are 105-108 degrees! As of 11 Sep 0422Z, there were 53,778 QSOs in the log. Hope yours are among them. Just as a reminder, here's a copy of the schedule of CDXA-supported DXPeditions underway and coming up soon:

Entity	Call	DX Mag. 2011 "Most Wanted" Rank	Clublog 2012 "Most Wanted" Rank	Planned Start Date	Planned End Date
Swains Island	NH8S	31	32	9/5/12	9/18/12
Conway Reef	3D2C	46	35	9/24/12	10/05/12
St. Peter and St. Paul Rocks	PT0S	16	16	Late November	Mid December

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The purpose of the association is to secure for the members the pleasures and benefits of the association of persons having a common interest in Amateur Radio.

Members of the CDXA shall adhere to "The Amateur's Code" as published from time to time in *The ARRL Handbook for Radio Amateurs*, and shall consist of those valid licensed amateur operators having an interest in promoting amateur radio. Long distance communications (DX) is of special interest to members of the association, but said interest is not a requirement of membership.

Yearly dues are \$25.00. A second licensed Amateur family member living in the same household can join for \$5.00 for a total family price of \$30.00 per year. The total price for 3 or more licensed family members living in the same household is only \$35.00 per year. All family members enjoy full member status. Dues are payable annually in December by check or through the CDXA website, to the Secretary/Treasurer:

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The Wayback Machine

Ten Years Ago in the *Pileup*:

CDXA President Bill Turner, W4WNT, reported that Charlotte was finally getting some rain. (...Guess things were dry in 2002 also.) Bill also mentioned that Joe, AA4NN, would be talking about his experiences during the Myanmar DXPedition at a special meeting in October.

And there was this pun that's just too bad not to repeat:

An Indian chief was feeling very sick, so he summoned the medicine man. After a brief examination, the medicine man took out a long thin strip of elk hide and gave it to the chief, instructing him to bite off, chew and swallow an inch of leather every day. After a month, the medicine man returned to see how the chief was feeling. The chief shrugged and said, "The thong is ended, but the malady lingers on."

Twenty Years Ago in the *Pileup*:

A chart comparing Solar Cycle 22 to previous cycles was included. The summary is that it was looking to be below average for sunspots.

I will see Uall at the "PIG FEST", September 26

The other big news was the upcoming Annual Pig and Chicken Fest to be held at the QTH of K4MQG. Here's the invitation: (How could you resist that?)



CQ Publishes Results of the 2011 CQWW CW Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

CQ has published the final results of last year's CQ World Wide Contest. CDXA placed eleventh among the 66 U.S. entries in the club competition. Our score was 60,196,309 points. That's pretty respectable when you consider some of the clubs that beat us are a lot bigger than CDXA. It's also one place higher than in 2010. But we can do better this year. See the accompanying article in this issue announcing this year's CDXA CW Contest Within A Contest (CWAC).

This was the sixth year we have entered the team contesting competition. CDXA's five-man CW team (IS0/K7QB, N2TU, N4ZC, W3GQ, and W3OA) scored enough points to place fifth among the 23 teams entered, world wide. The team score was 17,608,406 points. Unfortunately, even though we took all the steps necessary to have our team recognized, the team was omitted from CQ's results article. The contest manager, K3EST, has assured us this will be corrected in an errata to be published in CQ. Note that there was also a bug in the 2011 SSB results which kept some people from getting credit for all their contacts. See the next page for details.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the calls of CDXA members who scored in the top half of their class as listed in CQ. The last column shows the entrant's place in his class and the number of entrants in that class. Those calls shown in bold face will receive certificates from CQ.

K2SX was one of the two operators at V31AO in Belize. That team scored 5,121,672 points.

August's Pileup has the SSB results.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in
IS0/K7QB	4,094,370	Sardinia	Single Op, All Bands	1/1
K5EK	1,930,127	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	13/78
N2TU	4,114,404	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	3/78
N4ZC	4,256,912	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	2/78
W3GQ	2,874,828	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	6/78
W3OA	2,267,892	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	10/78
W3ZL	352,098	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power, All	9/33
W4NZC	270,101	US – Call Area	Single Op, Low Power, All Bands	18/82
W4WNT	124,644	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power, All	15/33
W4ZV	914,166	US – Call Area	Single Op, Single Band (10)	1/7
W7DO	1,514,259	US – Call Area	Single Op, Assisted, All Bands	20/78

Note that W4ZV was #1 in the US for Single Op, Single Band on 10 Meters. Congratulations to Bill, and to everyone else who contributed to our score.

Errata

CQ Publishes Results of the 2011 CQWW SSB Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

The software used to score the 2011 CQWW logs had some bugs which resulted in many stations losing credit for valid contacts. These erroneous score were published in the August CQ and consequently in the August Pileup. CQ has now rescored the CW contest and the table below has the new scores.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
AA4SC	170,151	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Single Band – 10 meters	3/7
AA4V/VP9	10,582,080	Bermuda	Multi-Op, Two Transmitters	1/1
K1MIJ	382,796	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	33/67
K2SX	260,337	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Single Band – 10 meters	6/12
K3XC	3,373,545	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power	4/99
K4ML	201,252	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Low Power	22/137
K5EK	2,380,830	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	5/67
KI4TZ	1,514,442	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	14/67
KZ2I	2,007,312	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, High Power	10/99
N2TU	627,270	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	28/67
N4PQX	2,030,380	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	10/67
N4ZC	3,752,931	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	1/67
W3GQ	2,098,272	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	8/67
W3OA	2,300,759	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	6/67
W3ZL	233,322	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	7/25
W4FRA	18,827	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Low Power, Single Band – 10 meters	8/16
W4NZC	232,736	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Low Power	19/137
W4ZV	1,258,752	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Single Band – 10 meters	1/7 also 1 st in US
W7DO	711,226	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	27/67
W7WZ	944,376	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	22/67
WW4CP	983,180	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted	21/67

CWAC 2012 – CDXA Needs More Participants

Dick Williams, W3OA



It's time to get ready for the CQ World Wide Contests and CDXA's CWAC (Contest Within a Contest). The phone contest is the weekend of October 26, CW the weekend of November 23. We are again offering a lot of prizes to encourage you to participate in CWAC and thus contribute to CDXA's CQWW Club Score. The Outback Steakhouse gift cards have been very popular prizes in past years. But if the Outback isn't one of your favorite restaurants you can use the same card at Carrabba's Italian Grill, Fleming's Prime Steakhouse & Wine Bar, and Bonefish Grill.

Our CQWW Club Scores for the last several years are shown below. You can see we made the top ten in 2007 but haven't made it back since then. We would have been there in 2011 if our score had been just five percent higher. We need everyone's help to regain our top ten standing.

Year	CDXA Score	Rank in USA
2005	17,672,958	18
2006	25,680,386	12
2007	34,784,070	8
2008	28,284,340	12
2009	24,942,122	13
2010	32,684,047	12
2011	60,196,309	11

There are prizes for both serious efforts and more casual operations:

- Top combined phone and CW score
- Top phone score
- Top phone score, low power
- Top CW score
- Top CW score, low power
- Top DXpedition score
- Top Multi-op score
- 1000 or more QSOs total in the phone and CW contests – Each winner can choose a trophy or a \$25 gift card for Outback Steak House.
- 500 or more QSOs – A photo printed CDXA certificate and a chance in a raffle for a \$25 gift card.

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- 250 or more QSOs – A chance in a raffle for a \$25 gift card.

Only members whose scores are eligible for the club competition as defined in the contest rules can win a gift card or a trophy. That means their station must be within 275 km of our club center or be on a dxpedition and live within that radius. We can choose where our club center is so don't count yourself out just because you are a little more than 275 km from Charlotte. The rules are available in full at <http://www.cqww.com/rules.php> or page 38 of the September CQ. All CDXA members are eligible for the CDXA certificates.

There is a major change to CQ's rules this year. Now **all logs must be submitted within five days after the end of the contest**. That's November 2 for the SSB contest and November 30 for the CW contest. Previously we had 30 days.

Prizes will be based on your claimed score and presented at the Christmas dinner. Let me know at w30a@adelphia.net if you have any questions or suggestions, need help in preparing for CQWW, or if you're planning a DXpedition for CQWW.

New Members

We are happy to welcome N4QM, Dennis O'Dell, 868 Charlie Reade Rd., Timberlake, NC 27583, dennis@denniso.com, 336-364-7495; and W4IU, Thomas Skelton, 118 Lewis Rd., Clemson, SC 29631, 864-654-2853, w4iu@arrl.net to CDXA.

Very Punny

Blame it on the *long* pun from the Sep. 2002 *Pileup*, but here are a few (mercifully) short puns. Just remember that a good pun is its own re-word.

What's Irish and stays out all night? Patio Furniture.

Why didn't the turkey cross the road? Because he wasn't chicken.

Why don't penguins fly? They're not tall enough to be pilots.



DX King News
Dick Williams, W3OA



Item 1: Full details of our DX King Contest and your chances to win a 10 inch tablet computer are on page 3 of the January Pileup <http://cdxa.org/pileup/archives/cdxa1201.pdf>

Item 2: Here are the scores I have for the 2012 DX King competition as of August 31:

Call	Category	Countries	Zones	Total
K5EK	Unlimited	275	40	315
N4ZC	Unlimited	275	40	315
W2HTI	Unlimited	271	40	311
W4HG	Unlimited	256	40	296
AA4SC	Unlimited	253	40	293
KO4DI	Unlimited	245	40	285
K4GHS	Unlimited	241	40	281
W3GQ	Unlimited	240	39	279
W3ZL	Formula	197	37	234
KZ2I	Unlimited	181	40	221
K2SX	Unlimited	178	39	217
W1AJT	Unlimited	162	37	199
W3OA	Unlimited	158	36	194
K8YC	Unlimited	156	37	193
N4PQX	Unlimited	127	40	167
W4WNT	Formula	132	32	164
K1MIJ	Unlimited	124	29	153
NK0S	Unlimited	115	31	146
N4QVM	Unlimited	107	30	137
NV4A	Unlimited	105	29	134
N2TU	Unlimited	92	31	123
K4ESE*	Unlimited	96	22	118

* All 80 meters

Item 3: Don't forget to send me (w30a@roadrunner.com) your DX marathon scores as of the last day of each month after your score reaches 100.

CDXA Scores in 2012 ARRL International DX Phone Contest

Dick Williams, W3OA

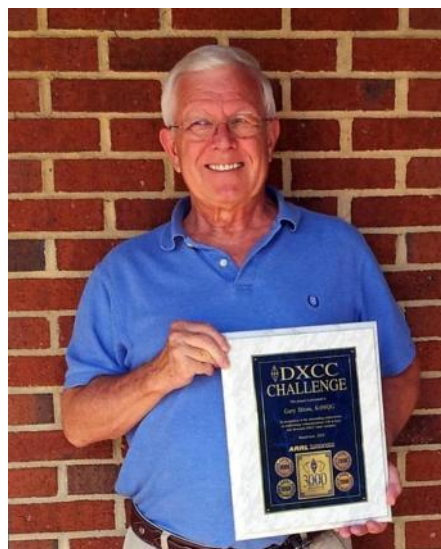
The final results of this year's ARRL International DX phone contest have been published. This included the results of the 2012 Club Competition. CDXA's total score in the CW and phone contests combined was 23,932,758 points, good enough to place us fourth of the 39 clubs in the Medium Category this year. So we moved up one spot from last year and I think we should all be proud of that.

Listed below, in alphabetical order, are the CDXA members who contributed to CDXA's club score and scored in the top half of their class. The last column shows the member's place in his class in the geographic area shown and the number of entrants in that class from that area.

Call	Final Score	Area	Class	Place/No in Class
K3XC	1,232,877	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	6/72
K4QVK	56,826	North Carolina	Single Op, Low Power	8/19
K5EK	1,219,848	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	8/72
KZ2I	1,189,224	North Carolina	Single Op, High Power	2/6
N4ZC	2,051,322	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	1/72 also 7/404 in US&VE
NV4A	252,540	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	35/72
W3GQ	768,408	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	14/72
W3OA	1,276,644	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	5/72
W3ZL	75,756	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	14/45
W4NZC	101,331	North Carolina	Single Op, Low Power	7/19
W4WNT	95,211	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, Low Power	13/45
W4ZV	5,760	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, QRP	1/2
W7DO	909,216	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	17/72
WW4CP	364,485	US – Call Area 4	Single Op, Assisted, High Power	30/72

K4MQG Achieves Highest DXCC Challenge Award Level

Last month, Gary Dixon, K4MQG, received the 3000 level medallion for his DXCC Challenge Plaque. This is the highest Challenge medallion awarded. As you can see from the picture of Gary with the new medallion attached to his plaque (it's the big one in the center in case you can't find it, Hi!), it looks impressive, as it should, and Gary looks pretty happy to have it, ...as he should. Congratulations, Gary.



The Back Page

The Annual CDXA Barbeque is just around the corner. Sign up online using the CDXA website. See Page 1. ...and see you there.

SEDCO/W4DXCC VIII is coming on September 28 and 29 to Pigeon Forge TN. You'll have a chance to win some great prizes, get to listen to some informative programs, and enjoy the company of your fellow DXers. See Page 1.

CQWW CW 2011 results are out. Check them out on Page 3.

CDXA's Contest Within a Contest (CWAC) for 2012 is on the horizon. Read all about it on Page 5.

The DX King race continues to be tight? Take a look at Page 6.

Results of the 2011 ARRL International DX Contest are in. Read all about it on Page 7.

While you're on Page 7, be sure to look at new award that Gary, K4MQG, just picked up.

Finally, don't forget to be on the lookout for all the DXPedition activity ongoing and upcoming. See Page 2 for a reminder.

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